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Thanks

... to those parents who supported this week's interschool cross country.

... and to those parents who supported our senior students at Science Fair

People of the week

... Ella M - Congratulations. Northern Districts Junior Dairy Young Hander. Ella has spent a lot of time with her calf Moolissa over the past year. They have travelled as far as Kaitia to Kumeu, with competitors from all over the North Island.

... Hazza, Melissa H, Connan W, & Shiprah J who have qualified to represent Whangarei at the Northland Cross Country event later this month. Well done!

... Tandia W (Room 11) for spending her own birthday money on children's clothes to put in the Christmas Boxes.

... Our Science Fair award recipients - Ethan H and Sheay S - joint winners Year 7 Judges Award; Misha CS - Winner Manaia Health PHO Health and Wellness Award; Brianna P - Highly Commended Farmlands Central Northland Research Award; Connan W - Highly Commended Year 8 Investigation; Kayley T - Highly Commended Year 8 Research

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

5 September	Boostrix Vaccinations (Year 7 boys and girls)
7 September	Meeting to discuss Cambridge programme
12 September	Choir performance at Forum North
19 September	Year 7 and 8 Volley Ball Tournament
25 September	School Talent Show
27 & 28 September	Junior School Production
29 September	Final day for term 3 (16/10 ... First day term 4)

International Schools Competitions

Please return all the English and Mathematics practice papers & answer sheets to the office as soon as possible.

Cambridge Meeting / Year 7 & 8

A meeting is scheduled for 3.15pm next Thursday - 7th September at which we will run through our Cambridge programme, share our thoughts so far, possibly share some data, identify next steps & take questions. You might like to take this opportunity to learn more about this programme.

Library Closed for Stocktake

Our school library is closed for stocktake on September 12th, 13th & 14th. Please can parents have a really good search at home under beds etc and ensure all library books are returned before this date. Thank you.

Life Education Trust

Next week the Life Education trust caravan will be parked in the drop off area in the upper carpark. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please be extra careful negotiating the carpark next week.

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

... cohort policy

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Service Virtue

Please keep working on this virtue at home. There are plenty of opportunities to serve at home, and to learn from doing so. Let us know of any shining examples please.

Oral Dental Health Service

A reminder to parents that the Oral Health Dental Service provides a Free Dental Care service for all children until the age of 18. If you have a child in year 8 that has not had a dental appointment this year can you please contact 08006983384 so they can arrange an appointment. Any other enquires regarding dental care are welcome via phone or at Oral Health Service at 3 Grant Street

Choir Performance - Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 September

Permission slips & information has been sent home with children this week. Please return to school asap. Tickets are available from Forum North at \$10 each, or through Ticketek. There is a small booking fee on top of this.

Operation Christmas Child

Each classroom has two "shoeboxes" which we hope to get filled with your help. The boxes will be sent to children in need (as a result of poverty, war, famine, natural disaster or disease). Suitable items to send to school to include in the box are: T-shirt, cap, small soft toy, craft items, things for school (eg a pen, pencil, exercise book), small toys (eg tennis ball, car, skipping rope), soap, facecloth, toothbrush. All items need to be new. The boxes will be collected at the end of Term 3 (28 September). If you would like to fill a shoebox as a family feel free to collect a box from the office. For more information go to operationchristmas.org.nz. Thank you so much for your support.

Home Gardens

Home Garden Expression of Interest forms were sent home last week for return by today - 1 September - last chance Monday.. If your child did not bring a consent home and you would like your child/ren involved in this, please phone the school office on Monday, or leave a message on the answer phone over the weekend. Please contact Mrs Burgin with any questions.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 19 October 2017

If your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats it is probably a good idea to 'source' your animal in the next few weeks to enable sufficient time for training. The animal must be born after 1st July 2017. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats (depending on numbers) are judged

on rearing, leading & calling. A booklet on how to prepare your lamb or calf for calf club day is available from the office.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. A pet booklet will be sent home with interested children nearer the end of term. Note that **NO DOGS or PUPPIES** are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day. **Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health.**



Mrs Dorahy will go around classrooms in week 7 to collect names of children who are bringing animals & issue Pet Booklets (for animals other than calves, lambs &, depending on numbers, goats). Please contact the office if you have any queries about the day.

School Fees - Term Invoices/Statements

Please arrange to make payments, in full or part, at your earliest convenience. Regular direct credits are more than welcome if that suits your budget.

Scholastic Book Club

... brochures have been issued to classes this week. Orders & payment due back to the office by 15 September.

Recyclable Materials

Room 10 would love any of the following recyclable materials for their technology projects: newspaper, plastic hub caps, old cup and saucers, bottle tops (plastic and metal), beads, buttons, string, wool, nylon, tins (small, medium and large), golf balls, old spoons, knives, forks, milk bottles, fencing wire etc.

If you have any of the above and are willing to donate these, please send them to Room 10 as soon as possible so we can plan our projects. Thank you in advance from the Room 10 team.

School Talent Show - 25 September 2017



Class auditions start next week. Please encourage your children to share their talents with their classmates. This is an opportunity to showcase special talents that might otherwise go unnoticed. Any questions in the run-up to talent showcase to Mrs Walker please. From this point the process will pan as follows .. Week 7 class auditions, Week 8 school auditions (whittling down), Week 9 refining process, Week 10 the big show.

Talent Show Class Auditions

Class auditions will be held on the days below. Remaining teachers will let their classes know directly when to bring in their items. But note that all class auditions will be next week.

Room 1	Tuesday 5 th	9-3pm
Room 10	Wednesday 6 th	9-3pm
Room 8	Friday 8 th	9 -10:30am
Room 12 & 13	Thursday 7 th	12 onwards (debating children to be held separately)

Children are to please bring any instruments and props at these times. Alternatively they could record themselves at home if they have a large instrument such as a drum set or piano.

Junior Production - 27 & 28 September - Save the date!

Our junior school will be presenting a mini production combining our learning in the performing arts of dance, singing, instrumental and drama. The production is based on the fairy tale Pinocchio - Fairy tale Metamorphosis! We will be performing for the school and kindergarten on Wednesday 27th September at 11:30am and for parents and whanau on Thursday 28th September at 11:30am in week 10 of this term.



Art Scholarship



Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2017 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give Kevin a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

Finally

On the other centredness front .. well done Ben D. Spotted by a parent two weekends back deliberately passing a hockey ball to another team member so she could score. An amazing act of other-centredness Ben.

Hugely proud of our science fair reps ... more next week.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.*

Community Notices

Recycling Old Mobile Phones It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the Office at School.



House cleaner still required 2-3 hours per week for general household cleaning work. Close to school. Please contact Louise on 0274 524 756 if you are interested.

Whangarei Choral Society presents Gounod's The Solemn Mass of St Cecilia, with Whangarei Youth Music. Saturday 2nd Sept 2.30pm. Morris & Morris Chapel, 199 Kamo Road. Tickets/Programmes at the door. Adults \$20; Under 17 \$10.

Sophie Sparrow & Friends – Masters audition concert tour fundraising concert with Maia Vegar, Juan Kim, & Kawiti Waetford. 7pm Friday 29 September Forum North. Tickets sold at the Quarry Arts Centre in Selwyn Ave, Whangarei, \$25 Adults & \$15 child/student.